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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/713,881	Applicant(s) CARTER ET AL.	
	Examiner Elli Peselev	Art Unit 1623	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23,31,33,40,41,87-93,99 and 104-111 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23,31,33,40,41,87-94,99 and 104 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 105-111 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim 87-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of September 3, 2004.

Applicant's arguments filed March 3, 2005 have been considered but have not been found persuasive.

The term "cultivated" means the microorganism has been produced but is not limited to any specific method. Such terminology as "isolated" can be used to overcome said rejection.

Claims 23, 31, 33, 40, 41, 87, 99, 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The terminology "or an antibiotic producing mutant thereof" (all occurrences) is not described or disclosed by the specification as originally filed. Note that the term "an antibiotic" encompasses any antibiotics, including those not described by the instant specification.

Claims 23, 31, 33, 40, 41, 87, 99 and 104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The terminology "an antibiotic producing mutant thereof" (all occurrences) lacks enablement in that it encompasses any mutant producing any antibiotic for the reasons set forth in the Office Action Of September 3, 2004.

Applicant's arguments filed March 3, 2005 have been considered but have not been found persuasive.

Applicant contends that pages 18-19 of the specification disclose producing mutant strains through the method of mutagenesis and that mutants so produced are then isolated, purified and deposited. This argument has not been found persuasive since the instant claims encompass mutants produced by a process other than by the method of mutagenesis and which have not been isolated or deposited.

Claims 87-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(Michel et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,316,959) or Kamogashira et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,332,891)) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Michel et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,316,959) or Kamogashira et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,332,891) for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of September 3, 2004.

Applicant's arguments filed March 3, 2005 have been considered but have not been found persuasive.

Applicant contends that the antibiotics produced by the references' microorganisms are different from the antibiotics produced by the claimed microorganism. This argument has not been found persuasive since the claim 87 encompasses mutants producing any antibiotic, including those disclosed by the cited prior art. Further, applicant has not pointed out how the claimed microorganisms is different from the references' strains. Note that the instant specification fails to set forth any characteristics of the claimed strains and applicant has not presented any evidence that the claimed strains are not capable of producing references' antibiotics.

Claims 105-111 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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